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#### USSR PUBLIC HEALTH FACILITIES EXPAND

##### KRASNOARMEYSK RAYON GETS NEW FACILITIES

In connection with elections to the Supreme Soviet USSR, O. Ya. Generalov, chief of the Municipal Department of Public Health in Riga, pointed out the expansion of medical facilities in Krasnoarmeysk Rayon. The city of Krasnoarmeysk now has many new therapeutic and prophylactic institutes. The present total of 26 child-care homes in the rayon about doubles the number available in 1945. All large industrial enterprises now have their own public-health service. The Riga factory of the Ministry of Electrical Industries, which 4 years ago had only a small dispensary, now boasts a large polyclinic with X-ray and physiotherapeutic facilities. Five specialists are constantly available to personnel.

##### NEW HEALTH RESORT IN LENINGRAD AREA

A special correspondent at Zelenogorsk reports that a new health resort is being built along the ice-bound shores of the Gulf of Finland. It is to be made available to both workers and nonworkers in Leningrad. Other medical facilities which have sprung up here over the last 4 years include the Children's Bone Tuberculosis Sanitarium "Severnaya Pal'mira," which is equipped with X-ray and physiotherapy departments, and clinical and bacteriological laboratories. The sanitarium has excellent facilities for climatotherapy. In the last 2 years, more than 70 million rubles have been allocated for the construction of health resorts in this region.

To date there are more than 50 modern buildings either in the design stage or under construction.

In Zelenogorsk, a new railroad station has been built. This station has underground tunnels for the protection of the passengers. This settlement also has a cultural club, and the local movie house is being repaired.

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**HOSPITAL OPENED IN KUYBYSHEV RAYON**

In connection with the 25th Anniversary of Uzbek SSR, a new specialized hospital with a total of 100 beds has been opened in Kuybyshev Rayon. This is united with a children's hospital which has a total of 50 beds. The therapeutic enterprise is equipped with modern apparatus and has all types of new medical supplies.

**SOVIET HINTERLAND GETS RESEARCH FACILITIES**

The Tbilisi Scientific Research Institute of Health Resorts has organized an affiliate at Tskhaltubo, which will have special facilities for making use of the Tskhaltubo radioactive waters.

**MOSCOW SURGICAL SOCIETY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

From 27 - 28 January 1950, the Moscow Surgical Society celebrated its 75th anniversary at a meeting in Moscow Oblast. The society was organized in 1873 with a charter membership of 22. Among them were S. I. Kostarev, N. I. Stukovenko and I. N. Novatskiy. At that time only doctors of medical science could be members of the society. However, in 1896 the Society of Russian Surgeons was formed in Moscow and was open to all surgeons. In 1918, the two societies united and formed the present Moscow Surgical Society.

Prof V. P. Linberg opened the recent session by stating that the Moscow Surgical Society has been able to obtain the greatest scientific minds of the USSR. Prof V. R. Vraytsev submitted a report, "75 Years of the Moscow Surgical Society." A. N. Shabanov, Deputy Minister of Public Health USSR, made a speech in which he described the development of surgical aid to the Soviet people. V. E. Salishcheva and A. D. Ochkina also submitted very interesting reports.

**NIKOLAYEV SCIENTIFIC PHARMACEUTICAL SOCIETY MEETS**

The pharmaceutical societies of Nikolayev, united recently to form the Scientific Pharmaceutical Society, with a membership of 60 highly qualified pharmacists. Reports heard at the first session included: "Various Errors in the Apothecary Field," "New Preparations," "The New State Pharmacopoeia" (8th edition), "Sulfamide Preparations," "Hazards of Undecipherable Prescriptions," and "outdated Medications." In addition to the members of the society, various pharmacists of the neighborhood also attended the first session.

**RURAL HOSPITALS UNDERTAKE BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS**

The transfusion of blood as a therapeutic method is becoming more and more widespread. At first the practice was limited to some of the larger hospitals with qualified specialists but its simplicity has made it practicable at rural hospitals with no attending specialist. In 1949, for example, a total of 3 tons of dried plasma were sent to various distant parts of the RSFSR. Almost every rayon hospital is now equipped to give blood transfusions, and, in comparison with 1947, the number of hospitals which can render this type of service has doubled. There has been a particular increase of hospitals in Kursk, Smolenska, Molotov, and other oblasts. Recently steps have been taken to make possible the use not only of whole blood but actually of some of its components, such as fibroin, the gamma globulin, erythrocyte mass, etc.

**NEW MEDICAL BOOKS**

The following books have been published by Medgiz: "The Semeiotics and Diagnosis of Children's Diseases" (Semiotika i Diagnostika Detskikh Bolezney) by

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N. F. Filatov, edited by Prof V. I. Molchanov and Prof G. N. Speranskiy, 1949; 586 pages, 24 rubles 30 kopeks; and "The Examination of Young Children at Children's Institutions" (Vospitaniye Detey Rannego Vozrasta v Detskikh Uchrezhdeniyakh), second printing, revised edition; 344 pages, 15 rubles 40 kopeks.

APPOINTED TO NEW POSITIONS

Ye. D. Ashurkov was confirmed as the chief of the Administration for Higher Medical Scientific Schools and a member of the board of the Ministry of Public Health RSFSR. Prof K. Ya. Shkhvatsabaya was relieved of her duties as chief of the Administration of Higher Medical Schools and member of the board of the Ministry of Public Health RSFSR and appointed Chief Therapist of the Ministry of Public Health RSFSR. O. D. Kolybina was confirmed as chief of the Main Administration for Therapeutic Prophylactic Measures and as a member of the board, Ministry of Public Health RSFSR.

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